

<b>TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>		
<b>PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS</b>		<b>6203</b>
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It is the responsibility of each authorized charter school to ensure that there is proof of a complete physical examination prior to (a) each student entering school for the first time<sup>i</sup> and (b) each student participating as a member of an interscholastic athletic team or in any other strenuous physical activity program.<sup>ii</sup>

It is the responsibility of the school to ensure that no students will be permitted to enroll or attend without proof of immunization.<sup>1,iii</sup> Students may be granted an exemption from immunization requirements if a qualified physician certifies that administration of immunizations would be in any manner harmful to the child.<sup>iv</sup> Students may also be granted an exemption from immunization requirements if a parent or guardian files with proper authorities a signed, written statement that such immunization and preventive measures conflict with the religious tenets and practices of the parent or guardian affirmed under penalties of perjury.<sup>v</sup>

The school shall provide parents and guardians with information about influenza and meningococcal disease and the effectiveness of vaccination against influenza and meningococcal disease at the beginning of every school year. This information shall include the causes, symptoms, and the means by which influenza and meningococcal disease are spread and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children. Neither a school nor its governing board is required to provide or purchase vaccines against influenza or meningococcal disease.<sup>vi</sup>

The school shall adopt policies in accordance with state law detailing the requirements above and necessary guidelines for recordkeeping. Costs associated with examinations and/or immunizations are the responsibility of the parents and/or guardians of a student.<sup>3</sup>

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Legal References:

<sup>i</sup> TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.08(2)(a)

<sup>ii</sup> TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.08(2)(b)

<sup>iii</sup> T.C.A. § 49-6-5001

<sup>iv</sup> T.C.A. § 49-6-5001(c)(2)

<sup>v</sup> T.C.A. § 49-6-5001(b)(2)

<sup>vi</sup> Public Acts of 2017, Chapter No. 22;  
T.C.A. § 49-13-111 (c)